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1. BELOW IS GUIDANCE ON RWANDA AND SOUTH AFRICA.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 21

2. RWANDA: IO - CURRENT SITUATION WITH UNAMIR TROOPS

Q. WHAT IS THE SITUATION WITH UNAMIR TROOPS IN RWANDA?
NEWSPAPERS INDICATE THEY ARE FLEEING IN A PANIC?

A. UNAMIR TROOPS ARE NOT FLEEING IN PANIC.

BELIGUM HAS WITHDRAWN ITS CONTINGENT OF ABOUT 400 TROOPS,
BUT OTHER COUNTRIES PROVIDING MILITARY PERSONNEL TO UNAMIR
ARE STILL REMAINING. BANGLADESH AND GHANA CONTINUE TO
SUPPLY THE LARGEST NUMBER OF UNAMIR TROOPS. MORE THAN

TWENTY OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE ALSO CONTRIBUTED PERSONNEL.

THIS WEEK THE UN DECIDED TO WITHDRAW SOME OF ITS
NON-ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL. ABOUT 260 PERSONNEL (MOSTLY
ENGINEERS, OBSERVERS, AND SUPPORT STAFF) WERE WITHDRAWN,
IN ADDITION TO THE BELGIANS.

OF THE 2,500 UNAMIR MILITARY PERSONNEL ORIGINALLY IN
PLACE, ABOUT 1,700 REMAIN.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS MEETING DAILY TO REVIEW THE
SITUATION IN RWANDA.

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3. RWANDA: AF - ARMS SALES

Q. ARE U.S. ARMS BEING USED IN RWANDA?

A. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS NOT PROVIDED LETHAL WEAPONS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA

THE UNITED STATES HAS USED MILITARY SECURITY ASSISTANCE MONIES TO TRAIN RWANDAN MILITARY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS, ENGINEERS, AND STAFF OFFICERS.

IN EARLY JANUARY 1994 THE UNITED STATES LAUNCHED A MILITARY TRAINING INITIATIVE ON THE ROLE OF THE MILITARY IN A DEMOCRACY. THIS TWO WEEK-LONG SEMINAR BROUGHT TOGETHER MEMBERS OF BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT.

UNDER A MILITARY CIVIC ACTION PROGRAM, THE UNITED STATES HELPED CONSTRUCT AND FURNISH A PEDIATRIC CLINIC AT THE MILITARY HOSPITAL IN KIGALI WHICH IS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THE UNITED STATES ALSO PROVIDED ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT TO THE RWANDAN MILITARY'S ENGINEERING BATTALION.

COMMERCIAL DEFENSE EXPORTS TO RWANDA HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY LIMITED. SINCE 1985, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS APPROVED ONLY FIVE PERMANENT EXPORT LICENSES. THESE EXPORTS INCLUDED AIRCRAFT SPARE PARTS, SECURE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, TWO HUNTING RIFLES, AND ONE REVOLVER. THE TOTAL VALUE OF THESE FIVE TRANSACTIONS WAS LESS THAN DOLLARS 10,000.

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4. RWANDA: PM - ARMS SALES

Q. ARE DETAILED U.S. RECORDS OF ARMS EXPORTS TO RWANDA OR OTHER COUNTRIES SECRET?

A. UNDER U.S. LAW, DETAILED INFORMATION PROVIDED AS PART

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OF A PARTICULAR EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATION IS TREATED AS PROPRIETARY INFORMATION AND CANNOT BE RELEASED.

I CAN SAY THAT COMMERCIAL DEFENSE EXPORTS TO RWANDA HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY LIMITED. SINCE 1985, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS ONLY APPROVED FIVE PERMANENT EXPORT LICENSE FOR RWANDA. THESE INCLUDED AIRCRAFT SPARE PARTS; SECURE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT; TWO HUNTING RIFLES; AND ONE REVOLVER. THE TOTAL VALUE OF THESE FIVE TRANSACTIONS WAS LESS THAN DOLLARS 10,000.

Q. IS IT TRUE THE U.S. IS MAKING NO EFFORT TO CONTROL SMALL ARMS SALES?

A. THE ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN ENGAGED FOR MANY MONTHS IN A REVIEW OF U.S. CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFER POLICY.

WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN SEVERAL DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS, INCLUDING WITH OUR FORMER COCOM PARTNERS, TO PROMOTE TRANSPARENCY AND RESTRAINT IN TRANSFERS OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS.

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5. SOUTH AFRICA: WHITE HOUSE STATEMENTS

(A) TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

I AM WRITING TO INFORM YOU OF MY INTENT TO ADD SOUTH AFRICA TO THE LIST OF BENEFICIARY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES UNDER THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES (GSP). THE GSP PROGRAM OFFERS DUTY-FREE ACCESS TO THE U.S. MARKET AND IS AUTHORIZED BY THE TRADE ACT OF 1974. IN LIGHT OF THESE CRITERIA, I HAVE DETERMINED THAT IT IS APPROPRIATE TO EXTEND GSP BENEFITS TO SOUTH AFRICA.

THIS NOTICE IS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 502(A) (1) OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON
THE WHITE HOUSE

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(B) STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY

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THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT REVEREND JESSE JACKSON, PRESIDENT OF THE RAINBOW COALITION, HAS BEEN NAMED TO HEAD THE OFFICIAL DELEGATION. WILL BE DR. GEORGE MOOSE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS; REVEREND DR. CHARLES STITH, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF NEW EQUALITY; DR. ARTHUR THOMAS, PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL STATE

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(OHIO) UNIVERSITY; DR. PAULINE BAKER OF THE ASPEN INSTITUTE; MR. DICK J. BATCHELOR, CHAIRMAN, FLORIDA ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION COMMISSION; AND COLONEL MACARTHUR DESHAZER, DIRECTOR FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS, NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL.

THE PRESIDENT PRAISED THE LONGSTANDING LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT OF REVEREND JACKSON AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION TO THE PROCESS OF DEMOCRATIC REFORM IN SOUTH AFRICA. HE SAID THAT HIS DECISION TO NAME THIS HIGHLEVEL DELEGATION REFLECTS HIS FERSONAL COMMITMENT TO THE DIFFICULT TRANSITION IN SOUTH AFRICA.

HE SAID, "THE WORLD IS ELATED AT THE PROSPECT OF THESE ELECTIONS. THEY ARE THE NEXT STEP IN SOUTH AFRICA'S NISTORIC PATH FROM APARTHEID TO NON-RACIAL DEMOCRACY. AMERICANS HAVE STOOD BY SOUTH AFRICANS IN THEIR STRUGGLE, AND WE WILL BE STEADFAST IN OUR COMMITMENT TO WORK WITH ALL SOUTH AFRICANS TO BUILD THE PROSPEROUS, STABLE AND JUST SOCIETY THAT WILL COME IN ITS PLACE."

THE DELEGATION WILL DEPART FOR SOUTH AFRICA ON SATURDAY, APRIL 24 AND WILL REMAIN IN SOUTH AFRICA THROUGH THE END OF THE ELECTIONS. IT WILL HAVE OFFICIAL OBSERVER STATUS WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION AND WILL OBSERVE THE POLLING ON APRIL 26-28 THROUGHOUT SOUTH AFRICA. THE DELEGATION WILL REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE PRESIDENT UPON ITS RETURN.

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6. RWANDA: IO -

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: PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE RESOLUTION PASSED LAST NIGHT ON THE UNITED NATIONS ASSISTANCE MISSION FOR RWANDA (UNAMIR) .

A: THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL ADOPTED A RESOLUTION ON UNAMIR WHICH CONDEMNS THE VIOLENCE IN RWANDA AND THE ATTACKS AGAINST CIVILIANS AND UNAMIR FORCES. IT ALSO DEMANDS AN IMMEDIATE CESSION OF THE FIGHTING AND AUTHORIZES UNAMIR TO ACT AS AN INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN THE PARTIES AND ASSIST IN THE RESUMPTION OF HUMANITARIAN RELIEF OPERATIONS TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE.

THE RESOLUTION ORDERS UNAMIR TO MONITOR AND REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTS IN RWANDA, INCLUDING THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE CIVILIANS WHO SOUGHT REFUGE WITH UNAMIR.

IT AUTHORIZES A FORCE LEVEL OF APPROXIMATELY 270 TO CARRY OUT THESE ACTIVITIES.

. WASHINGTON POST AND OTHER STORIES CITE HUMANITARIAN AGENCIES AS CHARGING THAT A WITHDRAWAL OF UN FORCES FROM RWANDA WILL LEAD TO FURTHER MASSACRES. WHAT IS OUR VIEW OF THESE CHARGES?

A. WHILE WE SUPPORTED THE RESOLUTION APPROVED YESTERDAY
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Y THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO WITHDRAW A LARGE PORTION OF THE UNAMIR FORCES, WE ALSO STIPULATED THAT THE WITHDRAWAL TAKE PLACE IN A MANNER THAT DOES NOT JEOPARDIZE THE SAFETY OF THOSE RWANDANS WHO HAVE SOUGHT REFUGE WITH UNAMIR FORCES.

NAMIR WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO ASSIST IN THE RESUMPTION OF HUMANITARIAN RELIEF OPERATIONS TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE.

THE UNAMIR FORCES DO NOT, HOWEVER, HAVE A MANDATE TO ENFORCE ORDER IN RWANDA. THEY ARE NOT LARGE ENOUGH NOR SUFFICIENTLY ARMED TO PERFORM THAT TASK.

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